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**To:** Armann, Steve  
**Subject:** Malibu FOIA - FW: Malibu PCBs

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Dear Mr Steve Armann:

Thank you for your prompt response. I have brought your email to the attention of the SMMUSD BOE tonight at the board meeting in hopes to provide clarity to the removal of PCB caulking independently tested above 50 ppm at Juan Cabrillo and MHS. Instead of being concerned with removal of PCBs over 50ppm to be in compliance with Federal TSCA law, the board president, Maria Leon-Vazouez and Superintendent Sandra Lyon instead attempted to shut down another board member from asking clarifying questions. They then made comments to the board that any communication to parents from the EPA is not valid. Lyon also insinuated that the only communication that the board should be listening to is from Environ and not the community; that this issue is between the EPA and Environ only. Sadly, they made it clear that they do not accept the public as stakeholders or care to involve them; yet parents, teachers and students are most affected by PCB contamination. BOE President Leon-Vazouez referred to independent tests as

illegal rather than being concerned that these tests show PCBs in Malibu schools at extraordinarily high levels of over 300,000ppm. These same test results have been rerun and validated by the Los Angeles District Attorney's Office. In addition these rooms were validated using EPA Method 1668c to show PCB 126, a dioxin-like PCB congener, to be at 121ppm--a seriously high amount based on EPA's guidelines.

Mr Armann, based on the above response from the Board President and Superintendent Lyon, would you kindly reply to all and simply confirm EPA's intention about the removal of independent PCB tests over 50ppm and what the law is for PCB tests analyzed by an EPA-certified lab using EPA Method 8082 or 1668c, over 50 ppm.

As always, thank you for your time.

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**Subject:** RE: Malibu PCBs

Jennifer, We have not received any documents from the District since we approved their plan in late October. As part of the plan, the District will be conducting sampling during the winter break. Environ and I are scheduling a call to discuss their sampling.

Regarding the issue of independent tests of PCBs over 50 ppm, you and I exchanged email on September 30/October 1 where I explained that the District's plan includes removal of all caulk tested and verified to have PCBs greater than 50 ppm. This includes caulk tested by independent parties. Please let me know if you were looking for some else from us.

Please email or call me if you need anything. I'll be on vacation from December 18 until January 5.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Jen@mu [<mailto:jen@malibuunites.com>]  
Sent: Wednesday, December 10, 2014 10:19 AM

To: Armann, Steve; Scott, Jeff  
Subject: Malibu PCBs

Hello Steve and Jeff:

Would you kindly give me an update on where the EPA is at with the Malibu situation.

Has the district submitted any documents to you ( last I saw was Aug/ Sept from Jan Maez), and if so would you please forward them to me immediately.

In addition, I am still waiting for a response from you regarding the independent tests sent to you of PCBs over 50 ppm. Those are in violation of the law and have to be removed. What is the agency going to do about it?

Would you kindly respond within the next 24 hours.

Thank you and happy holidays!

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